

486-490 South Meyer Avenue
(Lucky's Market)
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)
Tucson
Pima County
Arizona

HABS No. AZ-73-31

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Location: 486 S. Meyer Ave., Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

USGS Tucson Quadrangle, Universal Transverse
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Present Owners
and Occupants: Lee Tew Wah and Billy Wong

Present Use: Commercial/Residential

Significance: The building, 486 S. Meyer Ave., located at the corner of S. Meyer Avenue and W. Kennedy Street, has been a grocery store since the 1910s. Originally constructed as an adobe dwelling, it was remodeled and faced with brick in the 1930s and/or 1940s. The brick remodeling displays a definite Anglo influence, as does the addition of the large store windows. The building is a distinctive corner anchor for the row of two apartment blocks that adjoin it, beginning with #488 and extending to #498. (See HABS No. AZ-73-32.)

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1890-1897
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below:

Block 242, Lot 1.

1890 Deed, April 1, 1890, recorded in Volume 21, page 437.
Sheriff of Pima County to Thomas Gill.

1901 Deed, October 12, recorded in Volume 32, page 380.
Territory of Arizona to Thomas yill.

1913 Deed, April 29, 1913, recorded in Volume 56, page 41.
Estate of Thomas Gill to Anna Charouleau.

1923 Deed, May 8, 1923, recorded in Volume 93, page 132.
Anna Charouleau to Wong Shee Ben.

1954 Deed, September 21, 1954, recorded in Volume 756, page 49.
Wong Shee Ben to Wong Wing Suey.

- 1961 Deed, July 11, 1961, recorded in Volume 1801, page 449.
Wong Wing Suey to Wong Fung (Lee Taw Wah).
- 1961 Deed, September 28, 1961, recorded in Volume 1836, page
284. Wong to Beppler.
- 1961 Deed, September 28, 1961, recorded in Volume 1836, page
286. Beppler to Wong.
- 1963 Deed, July 30, 1963, recorded in SCP no. 31827.
Estate of Fung Mong Poy Nam Wong.
- 1977 Deed, October 21, 1977, recorded in Volume 5636, page 899.
D. A. Rosen to L. T. Wah.
- 1977 Deed, October 21, 1977, recorded in Volume 5636, page 901.
L. T. Wah to D. A. Rosen.
- 1977 Deed, October 21, 1977, recorded in Volume 5636, page 902.
P. N. Wong to L. T. Wah.

4. Builder: Unknown.

5. Alterations and additions: This building was originally built for residential purposes and was remodeled before 1920 to add more dwelling units. By 1920 the corner portion was being used as a Chinese grocery, and sometime before 1948, the exterior of the building was faced with brick, entirely modifying its appearance. The structure, now #486, may have been built with the adjoining structure (#488-490) to the south, but remodeled separately, so that they no longer appear to be part of the same structure.

B. Historical Persons and Events Connected with Structure:

The name of Thomas Gill is first associated with the ownership of this property. Gill probably was responsible for the construction of this building, and may have operated a small grocery here. Gill himself lived in the building for a short period of time, but the first long-term name associated with the structure is that of Loreto López who lived there from at least 1897 to 1905, and operated a fruit market. The next long-term tenant was the Gee Hung and Company Grocery, from 1920 until the 1950s. The store has been known as Lucky's Market since the 1950s, and has been owned by the Wong family since 1923.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION (See Significance, above, and Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico) (HABS No. AZ-73) for site plan and historical background essay.)

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1948.
Tract Books, Pioneer National Title Insurance Company (Microfilm, Recorder's records).

Tucson City Directories, 1897-1979.

Oral Interview:

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